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Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Jr.
Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stahr:

Thank you for your letter of 22 December to Mr. McCone concerning the possible organization by the Department of the Army of an Executive Branch Training Group Reserve component.

We have discussed this proposal with those reservists within the Agency who might be eligible, but have not found any potential members. However, we will keep the program in mind in the event that we have an opportunity to participate at some future date.

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Deputy Director

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L. K. White
Deputy Director

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## MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell

The attached proposed letter to Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., Secretary of the Army, is in response to his letter of 22 December 1961 to Mr. McCone concerning the possible organization of an Executive Branch Training Group Reserve component.

While the program is primarily for Presidential Appointees, we were advised that senior officials could participate if we considered them appropriate. All of our senior reservists seem to be already engaged in Reserve activities and, therefore, we have no potential members.

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Honorable John McCone
The Director of Central Intelligence
24 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

As a result of interest shown by several officers of the Reserve components of the Army appointed to positions within the Executive Branch of the Government, the Department of the Army has under consideration the organization of an Executive Branch Training Group.

Participation in the unit would be available to only those reservists holding appointive offices in various departments of the Executive Branch in the Washington metropolitan area who, by nature of their positions, find it difficult to participate in regular Reserve activities. Membership will be limited to those who reasonably may be expected to be available to the Reserve Forces at some future date.

Officers who are not members of units could not receive drill pay. They would benefit, however, in that retirement point credits could be awarded for satisfactory participation in the regularly scheduled training of the Group.

This Group would be monitored by the Department of the Army, and the training would be conducted during regularly established periods at a suitable location convenient to the majority of the participants. The training program would consist of lectures, conferences, orientations and discussions involving subjects appropriate to high level staff operation and planning.

Inasmuch as the formation of the proposed organization depends on the amount of interest generated, your cooperation in informing eligible reservists within your department will be appreciated.

Inquiries concerning membership should be forwarded, by the individuals concerned, direct to the Office of the Chief, U. S. Army Reserve and ROTC Affairs, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., telephone OXford 53662, within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Elvis J. Stahr, jr. Secretary of the Army